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Rathotsava atop Ch. Hill

Thousands of devotees witnessing Rathotsava of Goddess Sri Chamundeshwari atop Chamundi Hill this morning.

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (MTY&DM)- In the first post-Dasara inauguration (Sept. 22) event, the popular Sri Chamundeshwari Rathotsava was held atop Chamundi Hill here this morning, with about 30,000 devotees from across the State swarming the Hill Temple right from early morning.

Erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar drew the colourfully decorated chariot (ratha) carrying the idol of the presiding deity Goddess Chamundeshwari *(Utsava Murti)* at the auspicious time of 9.58 am in the presence of the Titular Head of the Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who is also the Mysuru-Kodagu MP and his wife Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar.

Earlier, pujas and other associated rituals were performed to the *Utsava Murti* in the temple precincts, following which it was brought outside the temple accompanied by the playing of the traditional *Mangalavadya* and placed atop the chariot.

After completion of rituals, Pramoda Devi pulled the chariot to formally launch the Rathotsava, following which the chariot went around the temple, during which 21 gun shots, with guns mounted on mini trolleys, were fired in the air as a mark of honour and obeisance to the Goddess.

Speaking on the occasion, Pramoda Devi said that she has prayed Goddess Chamundeshwari for copious rainfall and well-being of the State.

MP Yaduveer, who also spoke, said that Rathotsava, the first event after *Vijayadashami*, is being held as per traditions and long-standing practise. He also prayed the almighty to bless the State with copious rainfall, prosperity and welfare of the people.

The devotees threw *hannu-jawana* at the chariot, chanted in praise of the presiding deity and prayed for fulfilment of their wishes, as the Ratha moved around the Hill Temple.

Expecting a huge crowd of devotees, Police had made elaborate security arrangements atop the Hill, with the deployment of Commando Force and Fire Extinguisher as an additional measure for crowd control.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa and others were present.

Theppotsava will take place atop the Hill after 6 pm on Oct. 8, thus signalling the formal end of Dasara festivities this year.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 6th October 2025

Dr. Shiva Prasad of Mysuru among World's Top 2% Scientists

Mysuru. Oct. 6-Dr. K. Shiva Prasad, Associate Professor at the School of Physical Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, has been recognised among the Top 2% of Scientists in the world.

Dr. Shiva Prasad

This prestigious recognition is based on the "Single Year" data for 2025, verified and sourced from Elsevier and Stanford University's Top 2% Scientists list.

Dr. Shiva Prasad's area of research is Chemistry, with specialisation in Inorganic and Materials Chemistry. According to the data, he holds a global rank of 226072, with a rank of 992 in his subfield, an H-index of 10 and an Hm-index of 4.

This recognition highlights Dr. Shiva Prasad's significant contributions to scientific research and his growing impact in the field of Chemistry. His achievement brings great pride not only to Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham but also to Mysuru's academic and research community, stated a press release from Amrita.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

VALMIKI, THE PREMIER POET: ***A moral dilemma set the stage for sage Valmiki to compose the Ramayana, hailed as*** *adi kavyam* ***(first epic) and the sage himself saluted as*** *adi kavi,* ***said Damal S. Ramakrishnan.***

Prior to his transformation as a learned sage, Valmiki was a hunter, who also accosted people when times became hard. When the hunter held up Narada who was passing through the forest, the latter held out his veena as his only possession and impelled by curiosity, asked the hunter, "Why do you trouble people like this and commit sins?" The hunter retorted he was doing it for his family.

The wise Narada suggested he get a clarity on how other family members felt with regard to bearing responsibility for his profession as a hunter. When he realised that his family members wanted no portion of his sins or virtues in his role as head of the family, the hunter became thoughtful. He fell at Narada's feet and sought his help in expatiating his sins. Narada informed him that the only efficacious mantra in this world is the *Rama nama* ***and asked him to chant that name continuously.***

Initially finding the chant difficult, the hunter focused on a *mara* ***tree and enunciated the words,*** *"mara, mara"* ***which soon coalesced into*** *'Rama Rama.'* ***The transformation of this chant was such that the hunter lost all track of time; his mind distanced itself from family and rose above earthly matters. He sat motionless and soon ants began to build their hill around him. The chanting continued from within. Sage Narada sprinkled water on the anthill and when the hunter emerged from within, named him Valmiki (one who emerged from*** *Valmikam* ***- anthill).*** *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's largest inflatable flying wind turbine

Beijing: The airship-like S1500, the world's largest flying wind turbine, recently became the first device of its kind to generate one megawatt of power during a test flight.

The S1500 floating wind power system is as tall as a 13-storey building and as long as a basketball court. It looks like a giant floating airplane engine and it is capable of operating at heights of up to 1,500 metres, where winds are faster and more stable than at the level of traditional towers (approximately 200 metres).

Developed by Beijing Linyi Yunchuan Energy Technology Co. Ltd., the world's largest flying wind turbine features a main helium-filled gasbag with a ring wing, which forms a giant duct that harnesses the stable high-altitude winds to drive the rotor. With the help of 12 generators rated at 100 kilowatt, the ingenious power-generating system transmits electricity steadily to the ground through tethering cables.

3-foot, 6-inch beard locks break record

Birmingham: An Alabama resident took his facial hair to record-breaking lengths when his beard locks reached a staggering length of 3 ft and 6 inches.

Rudolf Martino, who moved to Birmingham from California in 2015, earned the Guinness World Records title for the longest natural beard locks on a living person after growing his facial hair to a length that is over a foot longer than the height of the world's shortest woman.

Martino said he washes his locks once every two weeks, and they can take two or three days to fully dry.

He said he doesn't intend to cut his hair or beard anytime soon. "Just as a tree has roots, branches, leaves and some fruit, I have as a symbol, my hair, its roots, length and strength," he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Limit processed foods; hidden trans fats are harmful to blood vessels.

By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Moonlight concert at Suttur Mutt on Oct. 7

Mysuru, Oct. 6- As part of its Monthly Moonlight Music-284, Suttur Mutt, Mysuru, has organised a flute-violin jugalbandi concert by **Pt. Pravin Godkhindi** and **Vid. R. Kumaresh** at the Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city on Oct. 7 at 6 pm. They will be accompanied by **Vid. Arjun Kumar** on mridanga and **Pt. Ravindra Yavagal** on tabla.

Pt. Pravin Godkhindi *Vid. Kumaresh*

Pt. Pravin Godkhindi, who was initially interested in flute, trained under his father Vidwan Venkatesh Godkhindi. Later he gained knowledge of laya under mridanga Vidwan Anoor Anantha krishna Sharma. After mastering music and the instrument, he has given many concerts both nationally and internationally and won many awards throughout his career.

Vid. R. Kumaresh, in his musical career spanning over 50 years, has created a paradigm shift in the way the world looks at Indian violin. A child prodigy who played his first concert when he was just five, he became a sensation in the field of Karnatak music by completing his 100th stage performance even before he was 10 years old.

He was the youngest violinist to be made the Official State Artiste of Tamil Nadu at the age of 17 by the then Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.34 feet**	Today's level **2,283.05 feet**	Today's level **2,858.55 feet**
Last year's level **124.15 feet**	Last year's level **2,282.50 feet**	Last year's level **2,856.88 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.36 feet**	Saturday's level **2,283.20 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,858.76 feet**
Today's Inflow **5,847 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **397 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,205 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **5,909 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,050 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,491 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***In 2019, Scientists discovered the world's oldest known work of art on an Indonesian Island called Sulawesi. It was created 44,000 years ago.***
- ***Russia is the most forested country in the world, with 815 million hectares.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Do you get up late?*
Student: *No sir.*
Teacher: *Do you see movies in the night?*
Student: *No sir.*
Teacher: *Do you play?*
Student: *No sir.*
Teacher: *Well, what else you do for fun?*
Student: *I tell lies !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 88.78
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 119.29
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.17
1 Euro	= Rs. 103.82

VOICE OF THE READER

UoM's delayed pensions push retirees to the brink

Sir,

The University of Mysore (UoM) has a glorious history of over a hundred years. Once upon a time, money flowed like water in the University and there were no issues related to salaries or pensions.

Today, the situation is completely different. The University has no funds to pay pensions to 1,900 pensioners and salaries to 1,800 temporary teaching and non-teaching staff.

Unfortunately, only around 500 pensioners are members of the Registered Association of Pensioners of Mysore University. Pension-related issues have been ongoing for the past four years. In fact, pensioners had to go on strike in 2021 and again in 2023 to demand their rightful dues.

The present Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Finance Officer are doing their best to get funds released from the Karnataka Government. However, the Government has been releasing only Rs. 50 crore per year, whereas the actual requirement is Rs. 108 crore per year. This leaves a shortfall of Rs. 58 crore annually, which translates to a requirement of Rs. 9 crore every month to pay pensions.

Why is Mysore University in such dire straits? Who is responsible for this crisis?

While Chief Minister Siddaramaiah appears to be sincerely responding to the issue, the Education Secretary, Finance Secretary and Education Minister Dr. Sudhakar have failed to respond appropriately, causing pensioners to suffer immensely.

To illustrate the severity of the situation, pensions for July 2025 were paid only on Aug. 22, 2025, and as of Sept. 4, the pension for August has still not been released. How can a pensioner survive without a pension, unless they have personal financial reserves to fall back on?

Even when University administrators misuse funds, the Government turns a blind eye, failing to investigate or take corrective measures.

It is also deeply disappointing that former administrators of Mysore University, who are themselves pensioners, remain indifferent to the plight of other pensioners facing these severe delays. If the Government of Karnataka does not act immediately, pensioners will continue to suffer.

If the 1,900 pensioners do not unite and fight for justice now, there is a real danger that Mysore University may completely stop paying pensions in the future.

It is high time that all pensioners unite and demand action. They must either request that the Karnataka Government release Rs. 108 crore annually for pension payments or ensure that pensions are paid through HRMS (Human Resource Management Systems), just like any other Government pensioner.

If these steps are not taken, the 1,900 pensioners will be forced to approach the High Court, seeking a direction to both the Government and Mysore University to disburse pensions on the 31st of every month without fail.

—Badri Narayan
Mysuru
4.9.2025

CII Mysuru to host Manufacturing and Technology Conclave tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 6- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, will host the Annual Manufacturing & Technology Conclave-2025 in city on Oct. 7 from 10 am, focusing on strengthening industrial competitiveness through technology, automation, and quality excellence.

The Conclave, themed "Building World-Class Competitiveness through Technology, Automation & Quality Excellence," will bring together business leaders, policymakers, academia and MSMEs to deliberate on innovation-led growth, operational excellence, and workforce transformation across Karnataka's manufacturing ecosystem.

Over 150 delegates from automotive, aerospace, precision-engineering and industrial-automation sectors are expected to participate in the day-long event.

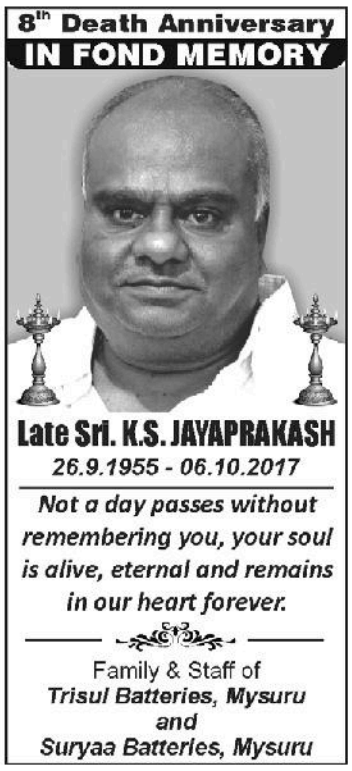
The inaugural Session will feature addresses by Rabindra Srikantan, Chairman, CII Karnataka State Council & Managing Director, ASM Technologies Ltd; Vijaykrishnan Venkatesan, Past Chairman, CII Karnataka State Council & Managing Director, Kennametal India Limited; Pavan Ranga, Past Chairman, CII Mysuru & CEO, Rangsons LLP; Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Chairman, CII Mysuru Zone & President & Director, Automotive Axles Ltd; V. Eswara Rao, Past Chairman, CII Mysuru & Vice President - Works, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd; Sam Cherian, Convenor, CII Karnataka MSME Panel & Managing Director, Schevaran Laboratories Pvt Ltd; Utsav Agarwal, Vice-Chairman, CII Mysuru Zone & Director, Bhoruka Fabcons Pvt Ltd. and Kiran Ranga, Convenor, CII Mysuru Manufacturing & Technology Panel & Director, N Ranga Rao & Sons Pvt Ltd.

In a joint statement, Nagaraja Gargeshwari and Kiran Ranga observed that the Conclave represents CII Mysuru's commitment to helping industries move from efficiency to excellence.

The Conclave will draw from a diverse pool of industry experts and practitioners sharing actionable insights on operational excellence, digital transformation, and next-generation manufacturing.

Eminent speakers include J. Harihara Mahadevan, Convenor, CII TQM Forum & Director - Manufacturing, Schneider Electric India Pvt Ltd; Sylvain Sagot, Director - Quality, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd; Manish Sharma, Vice-President — R&D, Kaynes Technology India Ltd; V. Jagannath, COO & Whole Time Director, m2nxt Solutions Pvt Ltd; Rakesh Kommineni, Co-Convenor, CII Mysuru Manufacturing & Technology Panel & Factory Manager, ITC Limited - Agri Division; Bhooshan Iyer, Chief Executive Officer, Kemsys Technologies; K. Ajith, Head - Digital & AI (Manufacturing & Supply), TVS Motor Company Ltd; Kaushal Jadia, Sr. Vice- President & Chief Technology Officer, Cyient DLM Ltd; Kanthesh Rao Sorab, Chief Operating Officer, Rangsons Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. and Nipun Sharma, Chief Executive Officer, Teamlease Digital.

These industry leaders will share perspectives on Industry 4.0 adoption roadmaps for MSMEs, cybersecurity and data governance in connected factories, robotics integration, and scaling digital transformation across supply chains. For details, contact Mob: 98447-85965.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NEWS BRIEFS

Lokayukta to receive complaints

Officials of Karnataka Lokayukta, Mysuru Division, will receive complaints from the public on Oct. 8 from 11 am to 1 pm at Taluk Panchayat auditorium, Nanjangud. Public can lodge complaints about undue delay in getting their work done at Government offices, demand for bribe and harassment by Govt. officials with relevant documents.

Obituary

Basavaraj

Mysuru, Oct. 6- Basavaraj (68), an industrialist and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away this morning in city. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held tomorrow (Oct. 7) at 10 am in Golden Kavz Wellness Resorts in Yelwal.

Anwari Begum

Anwari Begum (86), wife of late Shafi Ahmed and a resident of Adipampa Road in V.V. Mohalla, passed away this morning in city. She leaves behind one son, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Masjid-e-Nazarbad after Magrib prayers (6.15 pm), followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Archie D'Silva

Archie D'Silva (58), an agriculturist, passed away following brief illness yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral will be held at Belavadi Christian Cemetery tomorrow (Oct. 7) at 4 pm.

Shivananjappa

Hunsur: Shivananjappa (81), retd. Town Municipal Council employee, passed away yesterday. He leaves behind his wife, two sons including City Municipal Council Member Niranjan and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the burial grounds near Pump House.

From fake ED calls to silent thefts

Rs. 32 lakh conned

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (BCT)- Cybercriminals are employing increasingly sophisticated methods to siphon public funds, with four separate incidents recently reported in Mysuru.

Victims included a retired senior citizen, a Government employee, a contractor, and a differently-abled individual — each falling prey to different tactics and losing over Rs. 32 lakh.

Fake ED officer dupe

In Hebbal Layout, a 75-year-old retired man was defrauded by an anonymous caller posing as an officer from the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Claiming that a bank account had been opened in his Aadhaar number and used for money laundering, the fraudster coerced him into transferring Rs. 21.50 lakh.

When the caller became unreachable, the victim realised he had been cheated and filed a complaint at the Cybercrime, Economic Offences and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station.

Malicious file download

A Government employee from Srirampura was trapped after downloading an APK file sent to his phone.

Though no immediate issues appeared, on October 2, two unauthorised transactions — Rs. 5 lakh and Rs. 29,000 — were made from his account to unknown recipients.

A case has been registered at the CEN Crime Police Station.

Credit card misuse

A contractor residing in Nandini Layout discovered fraudulent transactions totalling Rs. 1.42 lakh on his Amazon account, split across three instances.

The transactions occurred without OTP alerts and came to light only when he received bank notifications.

A complaint has been filed at Alanahalli Police Station.

Silent theft of savings

In Gowrishankar Nagar, a speech and hearing-impaired individual, who had deposited Rs. 4 lakh from a loan to lease a house, saw Rs. 3.72 lakh withdrawn from his account over four days without his knowledge.

A case has been registered at the Krishnaraja Police Station.

Police authorities have urged residents to remain vigilant, avoid sharing personal details over calls or messages, and verify all transactions promptly.

Tiger poisoning case at MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary

3 held; search on to nab another

Big cat was dismembered into three parts before burial; Act of revenge for cattle killing

Hanur, Oct. 6 (SR&KS)- Forest Department officials have arrested four persons for allegedly poisoning a 12-year-old tiger, chopping it into three pieces, and burying the carcass near Pachchedoddi village. A search is ongoing for another person believed to be involved in the killing.

The accused have been identified as Pachchamalla, Ganesh, Govindegowda and Sampu, all residents of Pachchedoddi village.

They underwent medical tests at Kollegal Sub-Division Hospital yesterday. Govindegowda was later released after officials determined he had no role in the tiger's death.

The remaining three were produced before a Court this morning, which granted the Forest Department five-day custody for further questioning.

Tiger killed in an act of revenge

Preliminary investigations suggest the accused killed the tiger as revenge for it preying on their cattle. After the tiger killed a cow, the accused allegedly poisoned the cow's carcass.

The tiger consumed the poisoned carcass and died. The accused then dismembered the tiger into three parts and buried them at separate locations, Forest officials said.

Forest officials have launched a search to locate the cow's carcass. Villagers and cowherds from surrounding areas are being questioned as part of the investigation.

Veterinarian Dr. Waseem Mirza conducted the post-mortem following National Tiger

Ganesh Pachchamalla Sampu

Conservation Authority (NTCA) procedures, in the presence of Hanur Veterinary Officer Dr. Siddaraju, NGO members and Forest officials.

Samples from the tiger have been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL).

FSL report

"The exact cause of the tiger's death will be determined only after receiving the FSL report and legal action will follow," said MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Bhaskar.

The incident came to light when Forest staff, on a regular beat at Hanur Range of MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary on Oct. 2, discovered the dismembered tiger carcass buried under soil near Pachchedoddi village.

Initial findings included tiger's head, shoulders and forelimbs, with the remaining parts found about 100 meters away. A special investigation team, led by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) Smita Bijoor, has been formed to probe the killing.

PFA, ROTA mark World Rabies Day with vaccination drive

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (BCT)- People for Animals (PFA) Mysore, in association with Reaching Out To Animals (ROTA), observed World Rabies Day with anti-rabies vaccination drive aimed at protecting both community and pet dogs from the deadly virus.

As part of the drive, two vaccination camps were organised — one on Sept. 23 in surrounding villages and another across Mysuru city on Sept. 28.

A total of 127 community dogs were vaccinated in Kergalli, Salundi, Nanjarajayahundi, Rammanahalli, Hanchya, Mahadevapura, Sathagalli, Bharatnagar, Visveshwaranagar, Manandavadi Road, Kuvempunagar 2nd Stage, BEML Nagar, Shivapura, Srirampura, Dhangahalli, Yedahalli, Nagarathahalli, Muganahundi and Moogiahundi.

In city, 65 community dogs in Ambedkar Nagar, Tilaknagar, Saw Mills Colony, Bamboo Bazar, Meena Bazar, Bannimantap, Kaveri Nagar, Naidu Nagar, Kesare, B.M. Shree Nagar, Subash Nagar and Mandi Mohalla were vaccinated.

Many pet owners also brought their dogs to the camps, while PFA staff educated residents on the importance of annual rabies vaccinations. Several community dogs received their first-ever shots, highlighting the need for such outreach in breaking the rabies transmission chain.

Free anti-rabies vaccinations were also made available at the PFA Shelter in Bogadi from Sept. 23 to 28 for both dogs and cats. The drive was led by Dr. Amardeep Singh with support from PFA and ROTA teams.

World Rabies Day, commemorated globally on Sept. 28, honours French scientist Louis Pasteur, who developed rabies vaccine, while spreading awareness on prevention and control.

The initiative is supported by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC).

Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa: The Human Side

By S. Narendra

Writer S. Narendra seen in conversation with Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa during a house-warming ceremony of one of their close friends in Mysuru seven years ago.

The demise of Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa (SLB) at 94 brings back fond memories of our family interactions with the Kannada literary magician, when we were in Mysuru.

This was during 1980s. Dr. Bhyrappa used to visit our home 'Deepti' in Gangothri HUDCO Layout in Mysuru, at least once in a fortnight while on his return from Regional College of Education (RCE) where he was teaching Logic and Philosophy.

He used to love the 'strong' coffee which my mother Sharada Rao used to prepare and serve at intermittent intervals and discuss or share what's going on in his mind with my late father Prof. H.G. Suryanarayana Rao, an English Professor and Editor, Prasaranga, University of Mysore.

As children, we were very fortunate and blessed not only to see the literary giant in flesh and blood regularly but also witnessed the 'other side of the maverick.'

He used to visit us after 6 pm on his yellow coloured Chetak scooter and announce his arrival by his scooter horn. The reason for horn was to seek assistance to take charge of his scooter since he had problem in parking the vehicle as he was suffering from spondylitis and used to wear the neck collar. We used to do this errand happily and welcome him in.

Dr. SLB was a great connoisseur of Hindustani music. Suddenly he used to request us to play music of Pt. Bhimsen Joshi, Parween Sultana, flute of Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia, tabla of Zakir Hussain, master Ravishankar's sitar, etc., and listen intensely with closed eyes. None should disturb while listening to the music. I was deputed by my parents to sit outside the house to prevent anybody from entering and ringing the calling bell during their 'music listening session'! SLB used to get angry if anyone interrupted him while listening to music or even while he is seriously narrating a story which he narrated with much intensity.

Every visit of Dr. SLB had a purpose and some unique experience which he used to share. On one such visit, he announced that he wanted to initiate a 'chewing experiment' at a few homes of his intimate friends. The experiment was — every morsel of food intake should be chewed 30 times before swallowing! He used to review the progress and the positive results of this 'chewing experiment' by enquiring about any improvement in our digestion.

Though SLB looked stern and serious to outsiders, he was kind and humane. My father passed away in 1985 and I was pursuing research in Economics at Manasagangothri, Mysuru. He continued to visit our home even after the demise of my father, enquire about our welfare and review the status of my Ph.D periodically.

He always used to remark 'never become a last paragraph Ph.D awardee' meaning evaluators awarding certain Ph.D degrees with a remark in the last paragraph that the 'doctoral degree' is awarded to the 'scholar' for spending 3-5 years on research work and not for any significant path-breaking findings. He also would often delicately ask if I needed any financial assistance.

Dr. SLB always believed in 'original research' work and extensively researched for his own work. This took him to far off places. If he was not visiting our home or become incommunicado, it only meant that he was into research or writing a novel either sitting in Uttarakhand or in some remote place in the Himalayas or village in some part of India or in some friend's home (Banu Mushtaq home was one such instance) and this period of absence could last months!

Writing of a novel was *'tapas'* to Dr. SLB. Every word used by the *'Sahitya Rishi'* in his novels was weighed and flowed from his deep research and first-hand experience of whatever he was writing about.

Dr. SLB lives eternally with his immortal literary novels. Branded as a 'rightist writer' and an agnostic, he never lobbied for recognition, awards or positions.

Posthumously at least Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, who is a literary phenomenon, deserves *Jnanpith* award and *Bharat Ratna*.

By honouring Dr. SLB, the literary body and the Central Government will be honouring themselves.

[The writer is a former GM of GRUH Finance and currently resides at Padmanabhanagar in Bengaluru.]

Bangalore University to confer Hon. Doctorate on Madegowda

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (DM)- Former MLC D. Madegowda of Mysuru, Karnataka Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader and Bengaluru-based J.P. Agri Genetics Founder T.B. Prasanna, will be conferred Honorary Doctorate degree by Bangalore University at its 60th Convocation to be held at Jnanajyothi Auditorium of Central College, Bengaluru, on Oct. 8 at 11.30 am.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot will confer the Honorary Doctorate degree to the three personalities. Former DRDO Director Dr. Prahlada Ramarao will deliver the Convocation Address.

Former MLC D. Madegowda, a resident of Kumbarakoppal in Mysuru, had also served as the Chairman of the then CITB (City Improvement Trust Board) in late 1980s, Member of Bharat Sevadal etc., and became popular as 'Mane Madegowda' during his term as the CITB Chairman, for allotting homes to the shelterless.

Madegowda

He is also one of the pioneers of Swacch Bharat campaign in Mysuru through his 'Nirmala Yojane' and had played an important role in the functioning of Youth Hostel in Mysuru.

Considering his decades long service to the society, the Bangalore University has selected Madegowda for bestowing the Honorary Doctorate.

Tributes to Dr. Bhyrappa

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (SPN&DM)- Rich tributes were paid to *Saraswati Samman* awardee writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, who passed away recently, at a condolence meeting organised under the aegis of Mahasangama Samaana Manaskara Geleyara Balagagala Okkuta here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Siddarthanagar Government Degree College Kannada faculty Dr. Belale Kumar said that Dr. Bhyrappa was one of the outstanding writers in Kannada, who wrote his works based more on facts rather than fiction.

Stating that Dr. Bhyrappa has more than 25 novels to his credit, he said that the veteran writer remains etched in the hearts of lakhs of Kannada readers.

Kannada Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar, former Corporator K.V. Mallesh, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha District Unit Director V.P. Virupaksha and others were present.

Hasanamba Temple to open its doors on Oct. 9

Darshan for devotees from Oct. 10 to 22

Hassan, Oct. 6 (TRR)- The doors of the famous Hasanamba Temple in the town will be opened on Oct. 9 at 12.30 pm.

The temple of Goddess Hasanamba, which is traditionally opened only once in a year for devotees to have a *darshan* of the Goddess, will be open from Oct. 9 to 23 this year. Though the temple will be open for a total of 15 days, it will be open for devotees only for 13 days from Oct. 10 to 22.

The temple will be open all 24 hours of the day, barring puja hours, to facilitate the devotees to have 'Darshan' of the deity, according to the Hassan District Administration.

The District Administration is making elaborate preparations for the smooth conduct of the Hasanamba Darshanotsava by providing barricades to ensure smooth *darshan* for the devotes. It is erecting German tents, installing CCTV cameras, making other essential arrangements like lightings, keeping temple surroundings clean and tidy, ensuring safety of devotees, temporary toilets, drinking water, emergency medical services and for seamless traffic system.

The District Administration is also making arrangements to provide accommodation to devotees who come from distant places.

Actress Mugdha Godse enchants Mysuru with 'Krsna Vandana'

Bollywood actress and bhakti singer Mugdha Godse seen performing at Mysore Belly Room, near Ganapathy Temple, in Gokulam 2nd Stage last evening.

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (PM&BCT)- Bollywood actress, bhakti singer and model Mugdha Veira Godse captivated Mysuru's audience with her soulful rendition of devotional songs celebrating the names and attributes of Lord Krishna, evoking deep spiritual emotion among attendees.

The event, titled *'Krsna Vandana-108 Names and Qualities of Lord Krishna,'* was organised by the Mysuru Chapter of Belly Meditation Group and held last evening at Mysore Belly Room in Gokulam 2nd Stage.

Mugdha Godse presented a musical offering featuring 108 names and qualities of Lord Krishna, including the evocative chant "Krishna Krishna Sarvavyapi Shri Krishna... Murari," immersing the audience in divine reverence. She was accompanied by bhakti singer Aviraas.

The performance began with the sacred invocation "Om Namo Bhagavate Vasudevaya," which set a devotional tone and moved listeners to spiritual ecstasy.

A highlight of the evening was followed by a flute recital by Pandit Ravishankar Mishra, whose melodic performance mesmerised the gathering. For over 15 minutes, the hall resonated with applause as the gentle notes of the flute stirred hearts.

The devotional fervour deepened with bhajans such as "Govinda Gopala Radhe Radhe," drawing the audience further into waves of devotion.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, N.S. Anand of the Mysore Belly Group said the bhajan and kirtan programme was part of a nationwide initiative, with similar contributions from Belly groups in Goa, Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. "This is our Mysuru Chapter's offering to the spiritual movement," he said.

The event also acknowledged Spiritual Master Tarneiv Ji, revered as a Belly Meditation guide. Though currently based in Canada, Tarneiv Ji had earlier spent three years in Mysuru and continues to mentor practitioners worldwide. Anand shared that together they confer the Rangarathna Award annually to emerging theatre artistes in memory of theatre personality N. Ratna.

"Tarneiv Ji envisions Mysuru as a cultural hub and offers meditation guidance free of cost," Anand added. "There are no dietary restrictions in Belly meditation — it is about observing and understanding our own bodies. Music, such as today's devotional programme, is an integral part of this practice."

Known to meditate for nine hours a day, Tarneiv Ji is sought after for spiritual counsel globally. The event also saw the presence of Bollywood actor Rahul Dev, husband of Mugdha Godse, along with other dignitaries.

Rathotsava atop Chamundi Hill

Mysore Royal Family Members Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar seen during Sri Chamundeshwari Rathotsava held at Chamundi Hill temple this morning. Picture right shows Yaduveer Wadiyar and MLA G.T. Devegowda pulling the chariot carrying the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari.

Yaduveer Wadiyar and MLA G.T. Devegowda seen with Veeragase artistes, who performed during Rathotsava. Picture right shows Pirangi Dal personnel igniting the gun mounted on a mini trolley as a mark of honour and obeisance to Goddess Chamundeshwari.

Man throws shoe at CJI Gavai; held

New Delhi, Oct. 6 (Agencies)- An elderly man threw a shoe at Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai in the Supreme Court this morning.

The shoe did not reach the Bench and the man was immediately taken into custody. Unfazed by the shocking development in the courtroom, Chief Justice Gavai said, "I am the last person to be affected by such things," and continued the hearing.

According to eyewitnesses, the Chief Justice had just started hearing the first matter of the day when the elderly man raised slogans saying, "India won't tolerate Sanatan's insult," and hurled a shoe towards the Bench.

Security personnel in the courtroom moved swiftly and took the shoe-thrower into custody. The shoe hurled at the Chief Justice did not reach the target.

The shoe-thrower, it is learnt, had a proximity card that is provided to lawyers and clerks in the Top Court.

Fate of Devaraja Market, Lansdowne Building

IIT Roorkee team begins heritage structural audit

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (RK,MTY& BCT)- A four-member expert committee from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee visited the Lansdowne Building and Devaraja Market this morning to conduct a structural assessment and prepare a report for submission to the Supreme Court.

On Sept. 2, the Supreme Court directed IIT Roorkee to carry out a fresh evaluation of the two 19th-century heritage structures. The directive came while hearing a Special Leave Petition (SLP) challenging the Karnataka Government's decision to demolish and reconstruct both buildings, retaining only their facades.

The Court instructed IIT Roorkee to determine whether the buildings could be preserved through repairs and renovation rather than demolition.

The report is to be submitted in a sealed cover. To facilitate the assessment, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) was ordered to deposit Rs. 5 lakh with the institute. In accordance with the directive, the Committee visited both sites.

The team comprised Prof. Umesh Kumar Sharma, Chairperson and Professor of Civil Engineering; Prof. Sanjay Chikermane, Professor of Civil Engineering; Prof. Ram Sateesh Pasupuleti, Associate Professor of Architecture and Planning and Prof. Manvi Suneja, Assistant Professor of Architecture and Planning. The Committee has been asked to submit its findings within eight weeks from Sept. 9.

The inspection was supported by MCC Executive Engineer Madhu.

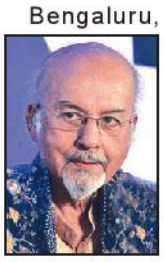
At the Lansdowne Building, the team examined the front, rear, and side elevations, including collapsed sections. Samples of walls, plaster, foundation, and wood were collected for profiling and scientific analysis.

At Devaraja Market, the team conducted a comprehensive inspection of the premises, covering all sides, including Sayyaji Rao Road, Chikka Gadiyara, and Dhanvanthri Road. Material samples were similarly collected for testing.

The SLP challenges the Karnataka High Court's order dated Aug. 8, 2023, which upheld the Government's decision — based on an MCC resolution — to demolish and rebuild both structures.

Traders at Devaraja Market, concerned about loss of livelihood, had opposed the demolition and filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the High Court. After the PIL was dismissed, the petitioners approached the Supreme Court, which also sought detailed reports from INTACH and the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

TJS George cremated with full State honours



TJS George

Bengaluru, Oct. 6 (OSR)- The funeral of *Padma Bhushan* recipient and stalwart of Indian journalism, TJS George was held with full State honours at the Hebbal electric crematorium in Bengaluru yesterday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visited the crematorium to pay his last respects. As a mark of State tributes, the mortal remains of TJS George were draped in the Tricolour. Police personnel offered ceremonial honours with a three-round gun salute.

Several dignitaries, including the head of *Public TV* H.R. Ranganath, attended the funeral and paid homage to the revered journalist.

Sumaya Properties launches Skilltech Silverdale gated community in city

Mysuru, Oct. 6 - Skilltech Silverdale, a premium 7.5-acre luxury gated community project, located behind Rashtrothana Vidya Kendra in Vijayanagar 4th Stage in city, was launched by Sumaya Properties yesterday.

The project was launched by Sumaya Properties Pvt. Ltd. Managing Directors Sudhi S. Shetty and Vishaka C. Hegde, along with Managing Director of Skilltech Engineers and Contractors Pvt. Ltd. K. Shivshankar.

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Dance meets devotion at Noopura Nrithyotsava

Mysuru witnessed a spectacular celebration of classical dance at Noopura Nrithyotsava-2025 held at Kalamandira recently. Organised by Noopura Nrithyalaya, the festival featured over 70 performers aged between 8 and 50 years, presenting a rich repertoire of Bharatanatyam and Mohiniyattam before a gathering of nearly 1,000 rasikas.

The evening opened with Nrithyathi, a Shiva Stuthi set to rare choreography by Guru Divya Prashant, which received warm appreciation for its originality. A major highlight was Gokula Bala Krishna Varnam, a vibrant piece in raga Kalyani portraying the enchanting leelas of Lord Krishna — from granting moksha to Puthana to protecting Draupadi during Vasthrakshhepam.

The dancers brought alive Krishna as both the playful child of Gokula and the supreme protector, blending innocence with divinity. The depth of abhinaya and devotion infused in the performance left the audience spellbound. Another highlight was Krishna Leela presentation, performed by housewives and working women. Their portrayal of the divine childhood pranks and supreme grace of Lord Krishna drew special appreciation from the audience, not only for its artistry but also for the dedication it symbolised — proving that passion for art thrives beyond age, routine and professional commitments. The performance served as an inspiration to many, reflecting how dance can remain a joyful, integral part of life.

Dansuese Dr. Kripa Phadke lighting the lamp to mark the inauguration of Noopura Nrithyotsava-2025 at Kalamandira recently as (from right) Vid. K. Guruprasad, Vidu. Arathi Arun, Noopura Nrithyalaya Founder and Artistic Director Divya Prashant and her husband Prashant look on.

Another centrepiece of the evening was Sita Rama Kalyanam, a vivid portrayal of the swayamvara of Sita and Rama. The item brought to life King Janaka's challenge of stringing Lord Shiva's mighty bow, and Rama's effortless act of lifting, stringing and breaking it, proving Himself worthy of Sita's hand.

The grandeur of the wedding celebrations that followed was performed with such grace and devotion that the audience felt transported to Mithila itself — responding with the same involvement and joy as if witnessing a divine wedding.

Equally captivating was the Shiva Keerthanam (Neelakanthane Niranjana), which depicted the moment when Lord Shiva became known as Neelakanta. As the deadly halahala poison emerged from the cosmic churning, Shiva consumed it to save the universe, with Goddess Parvathi holding His neck and Lord Vishnu guarding His mouth so that the poison neither entered His body nor spread to the world.

The festival culminated with the grand finale Devi Kauthuvam, where all participants came together in a powerful rendition that brought the audience to their feet with multiple rounds of applause. Beginning with the graceful beauty of the Goddess, the piece transitioned to showcase Her might. The entry of the three Goddesses — Lakshmi, Parvathi and Saraswathi — in serene shantham form marked the climactic blessing of the evening.

Dr. Kripa Phadke, Vidushi Arathi Arun and Vidwan K. Guruprasad were present on the occasion.

A soulful evening at Suttur Mutt

Young vocalist **Adithi Prahlad** delivered a vibrant and engaging Karnatak music concert at the scenic Suttur Mutt, located at the foot of Chamundi Hill recently.

She was ably supported by the talented **C.V. Shruthi** on violin and seasoned percussionists **Vid. G.S. Ramanujam** (mridanga) and **Vid. V.S. Ramesh** (morching).

Adithi, a disciple of stalwarts R.K. Padmanabha and H.S. Sudheendra, is known for her confidence and rich manodharma (creative imagination). Her musical ideas translated seamlessly into expressive singing throughout the concert.

Adithi Prahlad presenting a Karnatak music concert at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill in city, accompanied by C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

She began with the varna 'Jalajaksha' in Raga Hamsadhwani (Adi Tala), setting an energetic tone. This was followed by 'Jalandhara,' a graceful composition by Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar in Gambhira Nata. Her rendition was marked by crisp kalpana swaras, reflecting her enthusiasm and clarity of thought. A brief raga alapana in Kamavardhini led into Tyagaraja's 'Shiva Shiva Shiva Enarada.'

The lively swara exchange between Adithi and Shruthi was particularly captivating. The duo then presented Basavanna's popular vachana 'Vachanadalli Naamaamrutha Tumbi' in Raga Abheri, delivered with sensitivity and finesse.

The main piece of the evening was Raga Shankarabharana — majestic and expansive. Adithi's treatment of the raga showcased her strong manodharma, with brisk phrases highlighting her energy and command. Shruthi's raga essay was equally rich, her sweet and melodious bowing adding depth to the presentation.

The kriti 'Akshayalinga Vibho' by Muthuswami Dikshitar followed, rendered with majestic dignity. The laya vinyasa by Ramanujam and Ramesh was another highlight — mature, balanced and aesthetically pleasing.

The concert concluded with another Basavanna vachana, 'Nudidare Muttina Haaradantirabeku' in Raga Durga. Adithi Prahlad undoubtedly emerges as a promising young vocalist with a bright future.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Caste census in Karnataka

Deliberate bid to divide Hindu faith: Vijayendra

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (BLU&BCT)-BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra has cautioned that deliberate attempts are being made to create discord not only within the Veerashaiva community but across the broader Hindu faith. He urged people to remain vigilant and united in countering such divisive agendas.

Speaking at the inauguration of the new building of Sri Gurumalleshwara Dasoha Mutt and Student Hostel in Agrahara yesterday, Vijayendra indirectly referred to the State Government's ongoing Social and Educational Survey-2025 (caste census), voicing concern over its implications.

BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra inaugurating the new building of Sri Gurumalleshwara Dasoha Mutt and Student Hostel in city yesterday as Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Dr. Mummadi Nirvana Swamiji, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLA L. Nagendra, ex-MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others look on.

"It is disheartening to see that certain elements within our own community are involved in efforts to create rifts among Veerashaivas," he said. "Religion must guide politics, but politics should not infiltrate religion. Unfortunately, we are witnessing attempts to politicise faith," he alleged.

Vijayendra acknowledged that such divisive efforts may yield temporary gains but warned that they cannot last. "Those at the top must come down and those at the bottom must rise. When the time comes, we will rise. They must understand this fundamental truth," he asserted.

Calling upon the Veerashaiva community to remain steadfast, he said, "Our community must face these challenges with courage, resilience and unity."

He also highlighted the vital role of religious institutions in Karnataka's development, stating that the selfless service of Mutts has been instrumental in driving educational, social and spiritual progress. "Without these institutions, Karnataka would have lagged far behind in education," he observed.

Mutts, he noted, have provided both learning and spiritual guidance to millions of children, and he urged political leaders to recognise and respect their contributions.

Service of Mutts

Expressing concern over the declining spirit of selfless service, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji noted that even Mutts are now facing a shortage of volunteers willing to serve.

"Karnataka is home to more than 3,000 Mutts, many of which are dedicated to dasoha (charitable service). The guiding principle of every Mutt is that no one who comes seeking help should leave hungry and this is ensured through their daily food service," the Swamiji said.

"Alongside annadasoha (food service), Mutts also nurture jnanadasoha (service of knowledge), fostering spiritual growth, reflection and awareness," he added.

The event was attended by Dr. Mummadi Nirvana Swamiji of Kanakapura's Shri Temple, along with former MLAs L. Nagendra and M.K. Somashekar.

Most global languages are based on Sanskrit: Dr. Vijay Sankeshwar

Padma Shri ***Dr. Vijay Sankeshwar*** *(fourth from left)* ***seen releasing books at the 56th anniversary of*** *Sudharma* ***in city yesterday. Also seen are senior journalist Kudli Gururaj, MLC K. Shivakumar,*** *Sudharma* ***Chief Editor Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, BSS Vidyodaya Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat and*** *Sudharma* ***Editor K.S. Jayalakshmi.***

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (MK&DM)-Maintaining that Sanskrit is the basis for most of the world languages, renowned entrepreneur *Padma Shri* Dr. Vijay Sankeshwar, Founder of VRL Logistics and VRL Media, said that the Sanskrit daily *Sudharma,* published from Mysuru, has made its own name across the country.

He was speaking at the 56th anniversary of *Sudharma* at a programme organised at BSS Vidyodaya in city yesterday.

Reiterating that most of the languages are born out of Sanskrit, Dr. Sankeshwar observed that *Sudharma* Sanskrit daily has withstood the test of times and has been popularising Sanskrit.

Pointing out that Sanskrit Shlokas are being used in many European countries, he said it is unfortunate that the use of Sanskrit is decreasing in our country because of politics.

Regretting that newspaper readership is steadily declining post COVID, Dr. Sankeshwar, who is also a former Lok Sabha MP, said that the print of newspapers which was 26-27 lakhs in pre-COVID times, has now drastically declined to just 10 lakhs, which is alarming. "The newspaper readership started declining with the advent of TV and electronic media. Now, TV viewership too is declining because of cell phone addiction among the people," he noted.

Writer S. Nataraj, who translated the book '*The Saga of Sudharma*', said that Sanskrit is important if 'Samskruti' (culture) is to survive. Asserting that samskruti will perish if a language vanishes, he contended it is Sanskrit which has upheld the fundamental aspirations of this country. As such, it is important that efforts should be made for sustaining and promoting Sanskrit, he added.

Pointing out that *Sudharma* is not just a newspaper, but a penance, Nataraj said that *Sudharma* has also emerged as a Sanskrit brand of Mysuru.

MLC K. Shivakumar, in his address, said that *Sudharma* is a cultural ambassador.

Stating that *Sudharma* has also spread culture through Sanskrit, he said, however, it is unfortunate that the newspaper did not get due recognition from the Government or organisations. The responsibility of saving this newspaper not only rests with the family, but as well with the society, he observed.

The anniversary issue of *Sudharma* newspaper, Sanskrit Scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao's works 'Suvachanashatakam' and 'Shikharineeshatakam', T.V. Satyanarayan's work 'Navaratra Durga Vaibhava' and 'The Saga of Sudharma', the English version (translated by S. Nataraj) of senior journalist Kudli Gururaj's Kannada work 'Sudharma' were released on the occasion.

M.R. Satish, President of Bengaluru's Samyak Foundation, was felicitated.

Sudharma Chief Editor Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, Editor K.S. Jayalakshmi, BSS Vidyodaya Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat, senior journalist Kudli Gururaj, V.D. Hegde, Srivatsa Acharya and others attended the programme.

'Ongoing caste survey is rushed and ill-prepared'

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (BLU&BCT)-BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra has raised concerns over the confusion surrounding the ongoing Social and Educational Survey-2025, hinting that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's urgency may be tied to the speculated "November revolution" within Congress ranks.

Speaking to reporters yesterday, Vijayendra said the survey decision appeared rushed and poorly prepared. "What I fail to understand is the reason behind the haste shown by the State Government and the CM. Is the talk of an October or November revolution in Congress circles connected to this survey?" he asked.

Reiterating the BJP's commitment to social justice, he cited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "historic announcement" of a nationwide caste census — an exercise not attempted since Independence. He questioned the need for a separate survey in Karnataka when a national census had already been announced.

He also alluded to internal Congress discussions about a "November revolution," noting that AICC leader K.C. Venugopal, while attempting to quell speculation, did not completely rule out a leadership change in the State.

Vijayendra further claimed that Karnataka could witness sweeping political shifts in November, after the Bihar Assembly elections.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sonorous

Pronunciation: SAH-nuh-rus (Adjective)
Meaning: Sonorous is an adjective used in formal speech and writing to describe something that has a deep, loud and pleasant sound. Sonorous can also mean "producing sound (when struck)" and "imposing or impressive in effect or style."
Origin: If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, is it sonorous? Don't be thrown off by the subtle tweak in this classic conundrum — which usually ends with "does it make a sound?"— it's still the same question. Sonorous, in its oldest sense, simply describes things that make a sound when struck (the word's Latin ancestor, sonorus, is related to sonus, meaning "sound"). By this definition, felled firs, windblown willows, etc., are all sonorous. A desktop tapped by a pencil eraser wouldn't normally be described as sonorous, however. The word is usually reserved for things that make a deep, loud, booming, or echoing sound — think timpanis (or toppling timber), not tables. Sonorous is also frequently used to describe sounds themselves, as well as voices, that are deep, loud, and pleasant. And as sonorous sounds often cause one to sit up and take notice, sonorous can also mean "imposing or impressive in effect or style," as when describing particularly affecting speech or prose.
Example: "The sonorous notes of a modern pipe organ were the soundtrack to my tour, enhancing the sense of reverence the cathedral inspires." —Tracey Teo, The Chicago Tribune, 11 Sept. 2024

THE ODD WORD

Contretemps

An awkward clash

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Never Bite The Hand That Feeds You

Meaning: You use the expression 'Never Bite The Hand That Feeds You' to explain importance of acting respectfully toward those you depend upon.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'never bites the hand that feeds you' isn't known. One of the first times it was seen in print was during the 18th century, when political writer Edmund Burke said, "having looked to government for bread, on the first scarcity they will turn and bite the hand that fed them." The term is believed to be hundreds of years old.
Example: "I know the boss isn't always nice, but remember: Never bite the hand that feeds you."

QUOTE BOX

I have noticed that nothing I never said ever did me any harm.

—Calvin Coolidge

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: Split Second Timing.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Places to sleep
5 Ex West Indies batsman Logie
8 Study hard - slang usage
12 _ __ it : I follow this ? (1,3)
13 Ind. Natl. Congress
14 Air (prefix)
15 Regent
17 Fr. miss
18 Rejections
19 The positive electrodes
21 Court order
24 December festival
25 Hyperbolic trigonometric function
26 State in central United States
30 Save our souls, in short ?
31 Testy, audacious or ill-mannered
32 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
33 At your full height, should we say ? (2,3-3)
35 Roofing piece
36 German economist and socialist
37 __ in comparison : is no match to
38 Japanese floor mat
41 Pronoun for a girl
42 Ship's prison
43 Immensity
48 Beget
49 Nothing at all
50 Inter __
51 Leander of Indian tennis
52 Your (old English)
53 Unruffled, serene

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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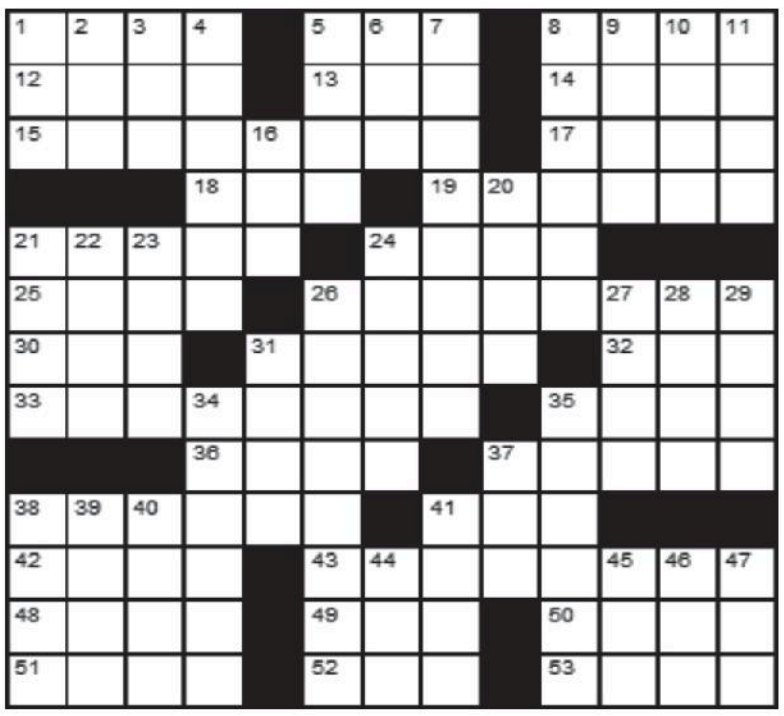
DOWN

1 Large or bulky
2 The self
3 Cricket legend Kapil ___
4 Awful odour
5 Cotton seed-removing machines
6 Popular card game
7 Move hastily and anxiously
8 Indian snack
9 Join metal
10 Shield or heraldic border
11 You have five on each foot
16 Decay or decompose
20 Not any
21 Old gas name
22 Singer Celine
23 This month, in short
24 Big name in copiers
26 Nourishing ingredient
27 Set off by sea
28 Kind of cabbage
29 "Rase" anagram for slayer of Adonis ?
31 Unwanted e-mail
34 Mental pictures
35 Runway's surface
37 For each
38 Recipe abbreviation
39 Diva's song
40 Grow weary
41 Religious, godly or hallowed
44 Not Invented Here, acronym
45 ___ Arun : playback singer ?
46 The sesame plant
47 Root vegetable



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NJG LDFFGLLCDW RIH AL NJG THG ZJT CAHVL

TDN ZJIN AL NJG RINNGB ZANJ JAL ODLAHGLL

OGCTBG JAL FTREGNANTBL VT.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I hear and I forget. I see and I believe. I do and I understand.

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  Idli Kottu (Te) - 4 Shows

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Kantara - A Legend: Chapter 1 (K)	(S-1)	10 am, 1.25 pm,
		7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.35 pm
		4.45 pm, 8.15 pm
	(S-4)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
	(S-2)	10.15 am, 7.10 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E)	(S-2)	10 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	8.45 am, 10 am, 10.45 am
		11.15 am, 12 noon, 1.30 pm
		2.15 pm, 3.15 pm, 5 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.30 pm, 8.30 pm
		9.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	6.30 am, 6.30 am, 6.55 am
		7.50 am, 8.20 am, 8.50 am
		10.10 am, 10.30 am, 11.15 am
		11.45 am 12.15 pm, 1.40 pm
		2 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.10 pm
		3.40 pm, 5.10 pm, 5.30 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm
		8.35 pm, 9 pm, 9.30 pm
		10 pm, 10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	10.20 am, 4.20 pm, 10.25 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 7.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter- 1 (K)	:	7.20 am, 8.15 am, 8.20 am
		9.50 am, 10.45 am, 11.35 am
		11.45 am, 2.10 pm, 3,10 pm
		4.10 pm, 5.35 pm, 6.05 pm
		6.35 pm, 9 pm
		10 pm 10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	1.15 pm, 7.35 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	3 pm, 9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 5)

- **Gemini Circus:** Shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm & 7 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Sudharma Sanskrit Daily:** Valedictory of 56th anniversary celebrations, Karnataka Sanskrit University VC Dr. Ahalya Sharma releases the books 'Suvachanashatakam' and 'Shikharinishatakam' (written by Nagaraja) and 'Navaratra Durga Vaibhava' (written by Vid. Dr. T.V. Satyanarayana); Pramati Institutions Secretary H.V. Rajeev and Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Chairman & BSS Vidyodaya Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat chief guests, BSS Vidyodaya School, Krishnamurthypuram, **4.15 pm.**
- **Mysuru Puppet Theatre:** Puppet Show 'Sri Krishna Parijatha' by Vinayaka Sutra Mela, Founded by Master Puppeteer late Narasinga Rao, Mysuru Puppet Theatre, beside Kaladevi Doll Museum, in front of Mysuru Zoo, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, importance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Karma-Sannyasa-yoga' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Janamana Samskrutika Sanghatane, Mysuru:** Staging of P. Lankesh's play 'Kallu Karaguva Samaya,' directed by K.R. Sumathi, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Aikyam:** Staging of play 'Nata Dharma,' directed by Ganesh Mandarti, Natana School of Theatre Arts, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Sri Thimmarpanamastu' by students of MMK&SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya, based on Beechi's writings, directed by Ramesh K. Benakal, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Krsna Vandana:** An evening of soulful bhajans and kirtan by Aviraas (devotional singer), Mugdha Veira Godse (bollywood actor) and Pt. Ravi Shankar Mishra (flute), followed by Prasad by Depth n Green, Mysore Belly Room, 1st Floor, Gokulam 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 6)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime & Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 1 pm & 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Nataraja Educational Institutions, Sri Hosmutt:** Teachers Day, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Mahajana PG Study Centre Director Prof. C.K. Renukarya chief guest, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, Sri Nataraja Auditorium, **10 am.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, importance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram:** Advisory Talk on 'Experiences of a pensioner' by Prof. K.C. Basavaraj, retd. Professor in Economics, University of Mysore (UoM), Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, President of the Council, presides, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Elder Citizens Council premises, **5 pm.** [Mob: 99804-12406]
- **Bangiya Samiti, Mysuru:** Sri Lakshmi Puja, International Youth Hostel (IYH), Gokulam, **8 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Kantara: A Legend Chapter- 1 (K)	:	7.30 am, 8 am, 8.55 am
		11.15 am, 12.15 pm, 1 pm
		2.40 pm, 3.10 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm
		9.30 pm, 10 pm
		10.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	10 am, 4.25 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	12.20 pm, 7.30 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	8 am, 12,15 pm
		3.40 pm, 7,05 pm
		10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	10.10 am, 4.25 pm
		10.20 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	12.05 pm
		7.15 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E)	:	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Wins gold

Inchara B. Shettar

Mysuru, Oct. 5 (VNS)- Inchara B. Shettar, a 2nd PUC student of Trinity College in city, won gold medal at the District-Level Lawn Tennis Tournament organised by Department of PU Education at J.P. Nagar Tennis Court recently.

She will be leading the Mysuru Girls Lawn Tennis Team at the State-Level Lawn Tennis Championship to be held at Raichur later this year.

Selected for Para Jr. Asian Games

Bharathi

Mysuru, Oct. 5- Bharathi, a 1st year B.Com student of GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College in city, brought laurels to the city at the Para Junior National Athletics Championship held recently in Gwalior.

She clinched a total of three medals including two gold medals in shot-put and 100 metres sprint and a silver in long-jump.

With this success, Bharathi has been selected to represent India at the Para Junior Asian Games scheduled to be held in Dubai from Dec. 7 to 14.

Excels in athletics

P. Chiranth

Mysuru, Oct. 5 - P. Chiranth, a 2nd PUC Commerce student of D.M. Trinity Pre-University College, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, fared well at the recently held Karnataka State Inter-District Junior and U-23 Athletic Meet 2025 in Udupi.

He won gold medals in 100 mts sprints (10.61 sec) and 200 mts run (21.38 sec) along with Individual Championship.

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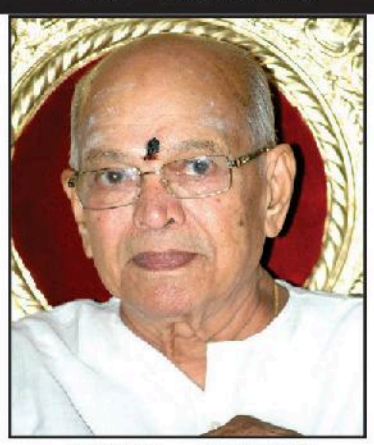

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